

**THE SOUTHERN HOTEL.**

**Testimony Taken Yesterday by  
the Coroner's Jury.**

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**Matches Said to Have Been Left  
in Dangerous Places.**

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**Two of the Proprietors Relate Their  
Varied Experiences on That**

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St. Louis, April 18.—The Coroner's inquest proceeded with the investigation into the Southern hotel fire this morning, but no additional evidence having any bearing on the origin of the fire or its management was forthcoming.

John K. Reese, Professor of Mathematics in Washington University, gave a very graphic description of the escape of himself and wife and two chambermaids, who were rescued from the window of his room on the sixth floor, on the fourth street front, by Phelim Tools, the brave and daring fireman, but he didn't know anything about the origin of the fire. He knew there was no alarm being given in the paper stories, and only learned of the fire by the hiss in the hall. When he opened the door of his room the smoke was so dense he was forced to

down the Skinner escape by Toole. James McKee, the yard man, whose duty it was put supplies into the store-room, testified that he was going into the store-room the day of the fire he saw a lot of loose matches scattered over the floor, picked them up and threw them into a bucket of water, then placed the box which contained the bulk of matches upon a high shelf.

George S. Darling, day clerk, son of one of the proprietors, testified that he didn't know that any matches were scattered over the floor. He says he was in the house regarding what they should do in case of a fire. The fire-alarm or annunciator never worked well. Couldn't be

Department never heard that the employees were in any danger, and that they were not present in case of fire till instructed to do so. Always understood they were to sound the alarm at once. The pot-washer or scullion, who has been fumbling round the store-room door for some time, and who has just been told the fire broke out, went to New York with the pot a few days ago.

George Darling, one of the proprietors, said he started for his room about 12:30. Called at a gentleman's room, and returned. Shortly afterwards was called by a bell-boy to see that the case was on fire. Started for the lower floors at once. Met some ladies in a high state of excitement.

Tried to pacify them, and told them they will be saved. Went to the parlor. Was told some one was in there. Went there. It was Ford, night clerk, that water was being run on the fire. Again asked the ladies to be quiet. Told them they would be safe. Told some gentlemen they could get their baggage out. Went to the kitchen. Told them to get out of the house. Went to the bathroom to remain there alone. Started back and met Capt. Warner, who said the fire had got into the elevator, and couldn't save. Returned to his own room; told his wife to get out of the house as rapidly as possible. Went out with her and told her to get out of the building. Gave no orders himself. Had

ardies" called and notified of their danger. A crew of fire coming from the office floor, attempted to go to the storeroom, but couldn't get in. The firemen then gave the following instructions how to act or what to do in case of fire. Russell, the engineer, had charge of all the fire appliances in the house. Had seen him on the occasion practice the men in the use of the hook and engine. He had also seen the firemen leading the ladies to return to their rooms of sleeping when there was no danger. Such statements are true. Witness knew nothing about the fire, at had been done to subside it, or whether the fire was going to get any bigger. He went to the parlor and left the house.

apt. Charles F. Warner, one of the proprietors, and he was in a room on the fifth floor with some friends. Had not gone to bed. The first indication he had of the fire was the presence of smoke. It was 1:15 a. m. Immediately after the fire started, Mrs. Warner attempted to reach the office floor by the fire stairway, but couldn't on account of smoke. There was a number of ladies and gentlemen. Told them to get out of the house as speedily as possible. They were ordered to get out of the house. Everybody out of the house whether they wanted to go or not. There was a water and pipe running from the basement up through the roof of the house, with hose attachments on

ingulishers, and buckets at or on every stairway, and seven nozzles. The hose were in order, the best of his knowledge. There had been a brigade in the house under the former proprietors, of which he was one, and most of the men belonging to it were in the hotel at the time of the fire. They had been well drilled, but did little or no service that night. The fire was so sudden and spread so rapidly that there was no opportunity to get the things out of the house, and the loss was in an unfinished state, and was not considered much practical value.

Witness gave a lengthy description of the store-room, its location, and relative position to other

except in one corner nearest the baggage elevator, which was of plank. It could be easily seen by the man who attended the elevator-engine fireman in the engine-room. His theory was that the fire was caused by superheated steam-pipes coming out of the ceiling of the boiler room. These pipes were numerous, ran over and under the boiler, and through the steam-room in the basement, and through the storeroom. I didn't say whether the matches standing on a shelf in the storeroom would ignite from the heat of the pipes, but I said that I saw the fire start upon the fact that the fire was seen spreading along the top of the wood part of the storeroom floor. There was no special watchman in the base-

but, always one or more men at or about the mines and boarders. There were four large cisterns, holding some 80,000 gallons of water, two wells in the house.

Bodies were found at the Southern Hotel to-day. Both safes were taken out, and the contents found to be uninteresting. The property of different kinds belonging to guests and boarders, among it 1,000 worth of diamonds, which were delivered to the owner, Frank K. Karselson, of New York.

Some of the interior walls of the hotel were in a very shabby condition, and in consequence of which work was suspended. This afternoon, at 4 o'clock, two of the inner walls running at

angles with the Walnut street front fell with great crash, but no one was injured. Shortly after 10 o'clock a rain storm came on, and the wind, and part of the southern wall of the west gable, crushing the one-story stores on Fifth street just south of the wall. The space between the wall and the stores of these houses was occupied as a public alley called the Monkey street. The proprietor of the stores on the west side of the alley refused to obey the instructions vacate the alley yesterday. Fire-Chief Sexton this morn had him arrested and his premises sealed. Fifteen minutes later the wall fell and destroyed the house. Another wall fell about 10 o'clock, and the stores on the west side of the alley were partially taken down, so that the

ch for bodies can be resumed without danger  
the workmen.

The remains of Mr. and Mrs. Clark were for-  
warded to North Adams, Mass., to-night.

**A TERRIBLE MISTAKE.**  
*Special Dispatch to The Tribune.*

WILKESBARRE, Pa., April 18.—A frightful ac-  
cident occurred at the Scranton Coal mine last  
evening. Levi Thomas, a young English me-  
chanic, endeavored to step aboard the carriage of  
an elevator, which he evidently thought was in-  
tending to ascend, when he was precipitated into

**WALKED ON THE TRACK:**  
DEBEO, O., April 18.—An old man about 80 years of age, while walking along the railroad track on the Middle Ground yesterday afternoon, was struck by a freight train and instantly killed. The day the remains were identified as those of Harry Eggleston, of Webster Township, Wood county, Ohio, a veteran of the war of 1861. He was called to the city to consult his lawyers in view of an application for pension.

**FATAL ACCIDENT.**  
*Special Dispatch to The Tribune.*  
DIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 18.—Michael Caff, a tender, was fatally hurt by the butt screw of a gun blowing out and striking him in the fore-

**THE LABOR QUESTION.**  
*Special Dispatch to The Tribune.*  
STAWA, Ill., April 18.—Sheriff Stevens was summoned to Streator to-day, where an outbreak

The Governor has placed the Sreator and City Guards under his command, and shipped supplies to the Sreator. The Sreator and City Guards are at work, and others are ready to commence whenever their bodily safety is assured.

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are coming to Minooka.



## THE IMPLACABLES

The first was, tender bud  
 Pushed out the ground spring love  
 Pushing upward where the balmy air  
 Caressed its meek form tenderly  
 Watched it grow, I watched it bask  
 In rough sunshine, shade, through  
 Shower;  
 Night, by day, felt I the sway,  
 Kindliness, e'en of a flower.

re they not reminders sweet,  
our emblems, of the storied Past  
emblems, too, of that in view  
life itself, how fleeting fast?  
ay they bloom—to-morrow die  
like thus in seeming to the  
achine to live—'tis thine to give  
life for one made bright alway  
us make our lives, like them

thus in living—to give  
 hine to live—"His thine to give  
 for one made bright always  
 as make our lives, like them  
 ight with a sweetness ever as  
 us make our lives, like them  
 sed, nurtured, fed, with life  
 dew!  
 as make our lives, like them  
 Beauty's colors ever wear;  
 then, indeed we saw the seed  
 reap the fruit, forever fair.  
 JOSEPH D.

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**A PRACTICAL JOKE**  
*Cincinnati Gazette, April 1*  
 Several months past there has re-  
 broken-down gambler known  
 "acked as 'Old Sam' upon  
 amounting to some \$25,000, and  
 and other kindred sports,  
 on left without a nickel, a-  
 cepts a handsome wife, who  
 away with his inheritance.

tribe of Cincinnati a young  
estate sales, whom we shall  
want of a better name  
the "Monkey" was a  
noon escorted her "over  
dod knew something of it  
the "Monkey" by his  
key was faithless. This was  
scent for Monkey to imitate  
a "Monkey" by his  
thereto by a number of  
dence was at once accepted,  
gleason's second, informa  
estine should take place  
would be the weapon.  
the principal, second,  
the principals, second,  
each, crossed the Susque  
of Kentucky to the  
vington, going to the Ala  
tania Springs, and, driv  
the road, he and his  
they were bent upon. Here  
of the combatants p  
the hands of the  
in dead earnest, but not so  
were loaded with powder  
preliminaries the word  
little  
show his magnanimity,  
take advantage of an accid  
Paul Jones, and  
another shot. The pistol

and the King was surprised to find the prince sitting at this. Monkey got very angry at the ground, and when it was that the King was killed with a picket-rod. After a short time that the two pistols about him, neither principal king; that they should each draw distance and fire, and that the King and the King. To this both principals (of without ball) was drawn out, and the King knew that he heard the ball of combats then shook his head, and he knew that he was in a hurry, for fear they might fly City of Covington. No knows at the present writing the King's name. The King, the King, and conducted them and collected manner. On Sunday night.

### QUIPS.

A paper remarks that the a paper. "A man has at last found a way to murder a man," killed him, slung him on a neck, one end of which was red. "A man who only believe

"I hope you amuse yourself in your quarters," we do!" Dreadful old man in some compensation for the shock of the out of the saloon stairs and, as he threw his arms small, Vesuvius got into the quarters. The entrance to the post that there was a thousand dollars. *Katerpeter*, the young citizen of the recently. A few hours of his wife: "I want you to be got, if it takes every cent of all my money, and for once I swear to nothing else." — *Danbury* at San Francisco, real to be the place of the carps, and hot and a Chicago millionaire to build a college; and a father-by-window to his how

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on truly said that clom makes all the difference. No quarter" is inscribed on an inconspicuous sign by a man leaning down on the bar and prop

been man was telling his  
sared to himself, of course  
medical friend, who, at so  
of the crowd, "Disgraceful  
real!" And when he be  
said, "With the utmost pla  
saying, "Yes, you have got  
seen for some time has  
can so glad."

Young exquisite passage is  
which it is taken: "The  
filled with gold, billows to  
The young audience's p  
thrilled, feverily  
Larline," he said, "need  
and buy!" His head came  
in a moment  
gone! He is dead," said  
gone, absolutely and  
dead wife.

**FATHERS' SIMPLI**  
*True Times.*

that President Hayes w  
House the simplicity of  
that kind would be some  
aking over some old bo  
etches of the social ev  
ated that the simplicity of

only of big-wigs. There  
suddenly. "Miss Pe-  
sively and radiant  
greatest-light, in a white  
gold, a petticoat of pale-  
gold, a court-train of  
with gold. This emp-  
was also wrought with  
than silver. Her shoes  
blue, white, and  
powdered, gloves of  
black, and a crown  
of curious  
workman-  
admired.  
The present, the  
Philip M. Thomas Jere-  
the cloth coat, the height  
of the satin breeches, his  
with a long black  
entered the court of Ter-  
on a slightly powdered  
of a fashionable  
What was a nosegay of  
John Hancock also sit-  
from the front of the  
a scarlet cloth, blue silk  
the gown, a full-powdered wig  
of a fine, nice, long  
and cockade. His ruffles were  
and his shoe-buckles richly  
of diamonds, and his  
hit of drab cloth, richly  
Thus, in the days of the  
the powdered wig, the  
the fabulous of pur-

**THEORY OF EVOLUTION**  
*Popular Science Monthly.*  
Thomson said, "In a lecture class at Edinburgh University, I stumbled, block, from the question, in the way of evolution hypothesis, was from one species to another species. The horse is the earliest, the earliest man on American monuments held for all living creatures and of the horse, another during the period. Nor is this all. The horse is contained in the record of the world, running back to the beginning of the world by man, in fact, on this planet; and, record that thousands of years ago, and I have to say we yet found the series of imperceptible gliding from two clearly distinct bridge, which could be seen























